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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Continuation Application based on co-pending Application of:

Applicant : Frank Check  
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above referenced Continuation Application,  
kindly amend the same as follows:

**AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Specification as follows:

**On Page 7**, please amend the fourth and fifth paragraphs as follows:

Figs. ~~7(A) and (B)~~ 7(A)(i), 7(A)(ii) and 7(B) illustrate exemplary embodiments of the photodetector elements and signal processing circuitry, operably coupled thereto, for detecting mode switching of the laser light source (e.g., VLD) employed in the diffractive-based laser scanning system of the present invention;

~~Figs. 8(A) — 8(D)~~ Figs. 8(A) - 8(D)(iii)(b) illustrate exemplary control routines executed by the temperature controller of the diffractive-based laser scanning systems of the present invention in adjusting the temperature of the laser light source (e.g., VLD) employed therein based upon the values of the mode switching signal supplied thereto, to thereby minimize and avoid changes in characteristic wavelength of the laser light beams emitted from the laser light source (e.g., VLD).